

# LG Questions Fall 22 WK 9

## Know the Pretenders



**Big Idea:** *Fake is the worst word you could possibly use to describe anything.*

### **Read 1 John 3: 1-10**

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.*

- 1. There are many reasons to avoid sin. We might choose to avoid sin because of “consequences” or “punishment”. However, we could chose to avoid sin because because we fear “hurting” or “disappointing” God who is our loving Father. Which of these reasons motivates you more to avoid sin?**
- 2. John says, “Now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we**

*shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” When you think of Christ returning and being made like Him, what kinds of thoughts do you have?*

- 3. Generally speaking, do you think Christians take sin seriously enough? Why or why not? What might be some reasons why indifference can creep into our view of sin in our lives? How do these verses speak to that temptation of indifference?*
- 4. Do you think John was overstating things when he said that the one who commits sin is of the devil? Why or why not?*
- 5. Verse 7 warns us “the Children of God” CAN be lead astray by the pretenders. What are some reasons why a believer might be seduced into sinful behavior by someone who claims that behavior is not a sin? What should we do when we sense that happening to us? How can we help each other continue to do the right thing and be righteous?*

**Prayer Focus:** Spend some time asking the Lord to help us KNOW that we are children of God and that as Children of God we fight against sin not out of fear, but because of love; love for our Father, love for the Spirit, love for Jesus, and love for others.